

How Maloney and Donohue Were Rewarded For Their Loyalty.

LOYALTY BROUGHT
ITS OWN REWARD.

Billy Maloney and "Jiggs" Denohue Scoff at the Idea of Sentiment in Baseball.

A TALE OF TWO CATCHERS.

**Maloney Turned Down New York
Offer, but His Loyalty to the
Browns Brought Him
Only a Release.**

The St. Louis Cardinals are admittedly a weaker team than the Browns, yet they are the better attraction in St. Louis. Fans will tell you that they stay away from one park because players are performing there who have broken contracts elsewhere. Were the history of many of those broken contracts made public a different feeling would exist.

Players who could tell of ungrateful treatment by club owners prefer to remain silent and accept the verdict of the public, which condemns them as dishonest and disloyal.

the player. While the question is largely unwritten history, but in the following plain tale—which is composed of facts—one can see

case of "contract burning."
 Billy Maloney and "Jesse" Donohue, who
 started the season as catchers for the St.
 Louis Browns, have been "let out" and the
 history thereof will not overburden the



BILLY MALONEY

management with popularity. These players had never been accused of a dishonest or unfair deal, but the fact that they were loyal to their employers got them nothing. Donohue stood by the Browns when they were in sore straits and his reward is an unceremonious release. Maloney has not been formally released, but he has not been notified that he will be thrown on the cold world just as soon as

No matter what the financial difficulties of the St. Louis club, Mahoney is the last man who should have been sacked. All his previous relations with his employers have been pleasant and his ability as a player has never been questioned. But that is all changed now.

the American League, and he proved it. But he got a poor return for his honorable course, and his confidence received a shock that has shaken his faith in baseball magnates. Prior to the unpleasant developments of last week he did not let tempting offers shake his loyalty, but hereafter he will do as other players do—where he gets the most money and the best treatment, and let sentiment and loyalty take care of themselves.

Killilea Tore Up Contract.
Bill Killilea graduated from Georgetown University with a reputation that got him a job in the American League last year. A



led of clean habits and lacking any tendencies toward roidness, he had the confidence of Henry Killian, one of the club owners in the American League. Maloney told Killian that his word was as good as gold, and such it has always proved.

When he signed in the spring of 1901 to pitch for the Milwaukee club, of which Mr. Killian was the principal owner, the big

did not cry on his contract before the manager told it to please and said: "That is just how much I think of that."

M. K. Hill never had cause to regret that act. Maloney proved his best catcher and was always popular in Milwaukee. His catching ability and quickness of judgment made him so valuable a man that at the end of the season he was coveted by more than one National League club.

When the Milwaukee club was transferred

St. Louis the pick of the players were Jack H. Inghelble Maloney. Their contracts with the Milwaukee club did not bind them to play in St. Louis any more than the Baltimore players are compelled to go to the National League just because Andrew Freedman bought the club.

Maloney, of course, was bound by no contract except his own word, but he stuck to the club. There were rumors in the spring that he would desert to the National League. Knowing that no written contract

Before the season opened, and when the Browns were in training at French Lick, Sprague, Maloney received an offer from the New York club. He was urged by a personal friend to accept that offer, which

His college friend predicted that he would not prosper if he stuck to the Browns, and that prediction has come true. Telegrams poured in on him, and at last he asked for his release from the Browns, preferring to

Asked for His Release.

Not only once did he ask to be released, but several times. Manager McAtee came to him and asked about the New York offer, and Maloney admitted that he could use that extra thousand. Then the St. Louis manager expressed a hope that Maloney would remain loyal.

"We want you this season, Bill," said he, "and we want you next season. Stick

"I have not signed with Pittsburgh, and I don't intend to," declared the catcher. "You have first call on my services for this year and next season also." This expression of loyalty earned the catcher a

About this time Davy Jones jumped the St. Louis team, and, though not an outfielder, Maloney filled the gap. McAleer



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make a good fielder because of his ground-covering ability, but Maloney was not. As success McAleer predicted, McAleer stated that it was Bill's ambition to work in the field. Maloney says that it was entirely McAleer's idea, and, of course, McAleer would have taken the credit had he developed into a recreational fielder.

Injured in Service of Club.
In a game with Baltimore, Maloney was called on to finish for Sargent, who had been put out of the game. While doing so a foul tip split his right hand, doubling up the little finger and breaking it at the first joint. Not only was the hand split, but the bone in his finger protruded through the

Donohue and Donohue's release was recalled, though he had already made terms with the Milwaukee Western League club for the rest of the season, and in another day or so would have left the city. Shortly after Surden was laid out and then Donohue was compelled to don the big mitt every day, catching some sixteen games in

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The discriminating fans who have read this tale of misplaced confidence can easily see where contract jumping is not regarded as so, as a sin among players. The American League were an offender than the National in throwing out the

brother of Maloney as far as the idea of
 sentiment in baseball is concerned. The
 Browns cut down expenses when Maloney
 was out. Donohue were released, but it may
 prove a costly cut.
 Donohue not only caught well, but hit as
 well as any man on the team during that
 time. Therefore he was surprised and
 "here" when Kahoe was taken out. Chi-
 cago

I was just on the point of leaving, but score resulted 8 to 2 in favor of Parsons.